

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Schatz)	Examiner:	Unassigned
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Serial No.:	Not yet assigned)	Group Art Unit:	Unassigned
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For:	Method for the Synthesis of DNA)		
	Fragments)		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application which is being filed claiming priority of International Publication Number PCT/DE00/01863 filed on June 7, 2000 that claims priority to a German application, 19925862.7 DE, filed June 7, 1999. Please amend the claims as follows. Cancel claims 1-20 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2) and add new claims 21-36 as indicated on the enclosed Amended Claims 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3).

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is complete and requests examination on the merits. The undersigned invites the Examiner to call in the event any additional matters or issues need to be addressed regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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